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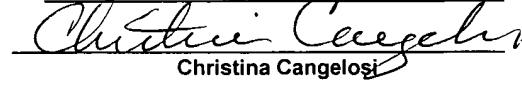
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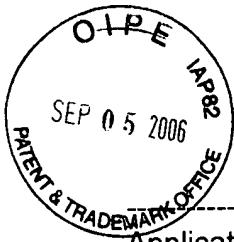
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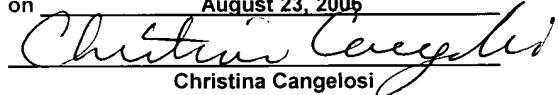
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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, applicants submit the documents attached hereto. Pursuant to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, OG Notice 05 August 2003, applicants have excluded copies of the ninety-four (94) U.S. patent documents. All documents are to be made of record in the above-identified case. A listing of said documents on form PTO-1449 is also attached.

The present Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the mailing date of the First Office Action dated November 17, 2004, but before the mailing date of any Final Action. Authorization to charge applicants' deposit account for the full amount of the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for such filing is hereby made in the attached Transmittal Letter.

Japanese Patent Application No. JP 5-93181 is not in the English language, however, applicants submit herewith Derwent Abstract No. JP 5093181.

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This statement is not intended to represent that no better art exists. Applicants reserve the right to contest the applicability of the documents attached hereto as prior art in the event that any information is discovered which demonstrates that said documents do not qualify as prior art.

Consideration of the present Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested. The claimed invention is, however, deemed to represent a patentable departure from the teachings of the prior art.

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